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November 9, 2020

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Re: *Administrator Amelia Clark
Spokane Regional Health District*

Dear Ms. Davis:

I am General Counsel for Spokane Regional Health District. I am writing in response to your email to SRHD Administrator Amelia Clark dated Thursday, November 5, 2020 advising her that the Washington State Board of Health will consider two complaints that she violated RCW 70.05.050 by removing the Health Officer without a hearing of the SRHD BOH.

On November 5, 2020, the Spokane Regional Health District Board of Health held a public meeting during which Administrator Clark advised the Board of her reasons for seeking termination. Dr. Bob Lutz, with the assistance of counsel, was also provided the opportunity to rebut those allegations. The Board asked questions of both the Administrator and the Health Officer, and after deliberation, the Board decided to terminate Dr. Lutz.

Administrator Clark did meet with Dr. Lutz on Thursday, October 29. She gave Dr. Lutz until Friday, October 30 at 4:00 to resign or she would seek his termination. She did take SRHD property from him. Because Dr. Lutz did not resign, he was placed on paid administrative leave pending meeting and decision of the SRHD Board of Health.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any further questions.

Regards,

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